

April 29, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$23,280 in Community Project Funding for Hardwick Township Virtual Services Upgrade Project for fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Township of Hardwick located at 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick NJ 07825. The entity is a local government. The project location is the same as the location of the township's government building.

The funding would be used for upgrading Hardwick's computer services, specifically to redesign and replace the town's municipal home page, purchase a new server, enhance security features and upgrade email hosting, backup and archiving.

Funding for this project is essential and is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. The reasons for this include: (1) A new Town webpage that will be more user friendly and intuitive to use, is better organized and compatible with iPhones and iPads; (2) The new webpage will allow residents to pay taxes, dog licenses, and taxes electronically; (3) Overall faster and more reliable internet services with fewer disruptions and service failures; and, (4) Enhanced security upgrades and protection for municipal files, records, and system backup capability.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Josh Gottheimer MEMBER OF CONGRESS